

The United States v. Martha Stewart

THE CLIENT: [Morvillo, Abramowitz, Grand, Iason & Silberberg, P.C.](#)

THE CASE: Stewart was charged with lying to federal agents when she told them on April 10th that her sale of ImClone shares on December 27th was based on a pre-existing agreement with her broker. Defense counsel relied on trial graphics to support the argument that perfect recall of those events many months earlier would have been suspicious.

THE TRIAL: DOAR, working with the defense team from Morvillo, Abramowitz, Grand, Iason & Silberberg, arranged for a complete, high tech environment enabling both sides to present documentary evidence to the jury on computer monitors and a projector screen. [Trial support](#) & [technology](#), [electronic evidence](#) and [trial graphics](#) were services the defense team relied on from DOAR to aid in their arguments before and during trial.

- DOAR converted all evidentiary materials to electronic format in the months leading to trial. By employing a “snap server,” a portable computer storage device, all evidence was consolidated and brought to the courtroom including the stock trade data, phone records, e-mails and other documents needed for the litigation.



- DOAR crafted PowerPoint slides for use by the defense team in their opening and closing statements allowing them to present an accurate picture of Stewart’s trading history in ImClone and highlighting the degree to which the price per share fluctuated since the time the stock was purchased. The goal of the exhibits was to emphasize the effect that time would have had on Stewart’s memory when investigators finally interviewed her about an insignificant, and almost forgotten, transaction. Bar and pie charts illustrated other important points such as the fact that Stewart’s holding of \$250,000 in ImClone stock was almost inconsequential, less than 1% of her net worth, and far less significant to her than the millions she held in other companies.

THE OUTCOME: Ultimately, the government prevailed, and Stewart was convicted of all four counts against her. Ms. Stewart was sentenced to 5 months incarceration and 5 months in-house detention.